

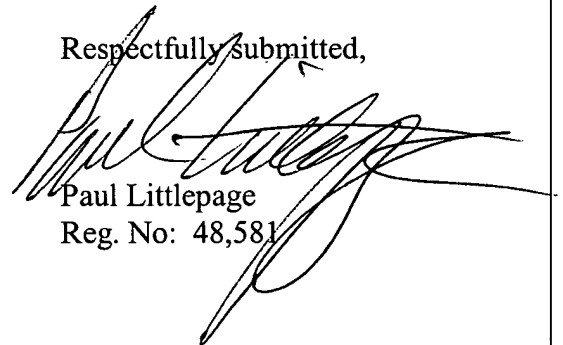
With respect to the election of species for invention I, Applicants herein elect for initial examination the IRES sequence listed in SEQ ID NO: 1 and the corresponding IRES-containing polynucleotide of claim 38.

**REMARKS**

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 510-337-7871.

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